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ROLAND S. MORRIS



Roland S. Morris, a well-known Philadelphia lawyer, has been selected to represent the United States in Japan. He will succeed the late Ambassador Guthrie, who died at his post. Mr. Morris, who is forty-four years old, is a graduate of Princeton and of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. He is identified with the so-called reorganization wing of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, which gained control of the regular Democratic organization in that state.

MYSTERIOUS AIR CRAFT

Government Agent Says Flyers of Foe Are in Utah.

Reports of Hostile Airplane Activity in Utah—Aerial Scouts Said to Aid in Hunt.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 2.—Believing that airplanes of the enemy have been flying over southern Utah, Leon Bone, special investigator for the department of justice, has asked that the war department send airplanes to this state to make an investigation of the reports which have come from San Juan and Grand counties as to nightly flights of airplanes. Mr. Bone said that it is impossible for persons on foot to determine the headquarters of the airplanes and that as a last resort the airplanes of the war department have been asked to aid in the search.

Further evidence of the activities of airplanes in southern Utah was brought to Salt Lake City by R. P. Flagel of the United States geological survey, who has been in San Juan county for two months. Mr. Flagel traced the airplanes from Mexican Hat, where Gen. Hugh L. Scott subdued the Plutes two years ago, to La Sal and Moab, a distance of more than 100 miles.

Agents of the department of justice have received information, but they will not give out the source, that the airplanes operating in the southern part of the state are enemy machines. They are not there to throw bombs, but to get information and send it to other countries by way of Mexico, according to the information which has been placed in Mr. Bone's hands.

LA FOLLETTE WITH PACIFISTS

Quote Antiwar Telegram From the Wisconsin Senator and Senator Gronna.

New York, Aug. 2.—Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, and Senator A. J. Gronna of North Dakota, have formally aligned themselves with the pacifists' movement, according to telegrams from them given out here by the people's council which is conducting a nation-wide propaganda.

Senator La Follette was quoted as having wired the council "not to be intimidated by the threats of war traders," but to begin at once to work for the election of members of congress who would stand for the "repeal of obnoxious laws."

Senator Gronna, the council announced, had wired that the "constitution has not been repealed nor suspended."

ASKS TIGHTER CENSOR RULES

U. S. Requests Great Britain to Sit on the Lid Concerning Military Movements.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The United States has asked England to be more strict with her censorship insofar as at least it concerns American military movements. The request is the result of several stories which slipped through the British censor, causing concern here.

BRITONS CRUSH FOE'S ASSAULTS

Allies Hold Gains in Flanders Against Fierce Counter-Offensives by Germans.

SUBMARINE BASE IS MENACED

Drive Hits Kaiser's Most Vulnerable Spot—Newly Won Positions Consolidated—German Prisoners May Total 5,000.

Paris, Aug. 2.—After several days of heavy artillery preparation the German troops attacked positions on the left bank of the Meuse river, in the Verdun section, which the French captured on July 17. The statement adds the Germans were successful in reaching only advanced elements of the French defenses, where they were stopped.

London, Aug. 2.—German counter-attacks against the new British positions at La Bassée Ville and north of the Ypres-Comines canal, in Belgium, were repulsed successfully, says the official statement issued by the British war office.

Another German counter-attack farther north in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway was crushed by the British artillery. Heavy rain has been falling, the statement adds, and the weather continues unfavorable for operations.

New Line Is Improved. "South of the Ypres-Comines canal" British minor operations during the night resulted in an improvement of our new line.

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"The weather continues unfavorable for operations. Heavy rain has been falling."

"We made a successful raid east of Bois Grenier."

Take Thirty Square Miles. Thirty square miles were taken in the smash.

The count of prisoners has not yet been reported, but it will reach at least 5,000. German losses in killed and wounded will be staggering. Every front dispatch dwelt on the terrible effect of the deadly British artillery fire. Line after line of German trenches were literally leveled into crumbling earth, the concrete emplacements reduced to dusty fragments.

On the line where the French drove ahead, the "bloody Yser" again lived up to its name. Time after time French engineers bridged the stream, only to have their pontoon structures wrecked by the enemy's desperate defensive fire. But they got the troops across, and beyond, in the mud and muck of the lowlands, the poilus struck hard and furiously.

Not Counting the Cost.

London is not counting the cost. It expects great human sacrifice. It hopes, however, that the stroke may be so aimed that Germany must relinquish her submarine bases on the coast.

England and France are driving at what military experts have judged to be the most vulnerable spot in the German line. Any great penetration here will menace the enemy grip on the North Sea bases where its submarine warfare centers no less than the German hold on the great industrial centers of Belgium around Lille, Tournai, Roulers and Courtrai.

The offensive is no overnight plan of strategy. Preparations have been going forward for the stroke for more than a month. Germany had warning of something that was impending in an artillery preparation that began 20 days ago and reached a continuous crescendo of fury a week back.

OUSTED BY RECALL ELECTION

Congressman Ben Hilliard Loses Place on Denver School Board—War Attitude Involved.

Denver, Aug. 2.—Congressman Ben C. Hilliard was removed from office as school director of the Denver school district at a special recall election. Returns from all but one precinct showed a majority of 5,879 in favor of the recall. During the latter part of the campaign the fight centered around Mr. Hilliard's alleged attitude in congress toward the European war and American participation therein.

Drops Bombs on Comrades.

Paris, Aug. 2.—A German aviator, flying behind the French lines, dropped a number of bombs on a camp full of German prisoners, said a dispatch received here.

SKYLINE OF 1917



WAY OF SLACKER WILL BE ROUGH

Every Avenue of Escape From the Draft Will Be Closed.

MARRIAGE SHIRKER IS FIRST

Those of Physical "Breed" Are Also Under Fire—Examining Physicians Have Been Given Access to Data of Army Surgeons.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Every avenue of escape from the draft must be closed. Provost Marshal General Crowder issued this order.

Rumors of widespread exemption claims have caused a general tightening of the lines. There is no official recognition of these rumors, but action has been taken to prevent all unfounded exemptions.

The first "slacker" to be apprehended will be the "marriage slacker." President Wilson has before him an executive order expected to prevent all escape from the draft by marriage.

To Establish Time Limit.

It is expected the executive order will establish a time limit on dependency claims. It will probably set the date of the issuance of the exemption regulations, June 30, as the latest date upon which dependencies can be established. All marriages after this date might not be precluded from exemption, but will be more closely scrutinized by the exemption boards. Should this executive order go into effect a marriage license will become a necessity to exemption claims. Affidavits of the time of marriage will also have to be presented.

Physical "slackers" are also under fire. Continued reports reach Washington of plots for temporarily incapacitating drafted men. To ward against this strict orders have been issued to all examining physicians.

Board Has Final Day.

Physical disability established by one physician does not carry with it exemption. A second examination must be conducted by another physician in the presence of the exemption board. If the second physician also disqualifies the candidate, the exemption board may still hold the man for service if they have reason to believe he is shamming.

All examining physicians have been given access to the data of physical examinations compiled by the army surgeons. All known tricks have been explained and the greatest care will be taken. There is every indication that the way of the slacker will be hard.

ARREST GERMAN PREACHER

Rev. John Reichart Held for Sedition in Semons—Two Iowa Farmers Also Held.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 2.—Rev. John Reichart, pastor of the German Evangelical church at Lowden, Ia., has been held to the federal grand jury in \$5,000 bond on charge of preaching seditious sermons.

Reichart and Fred Schellin, a wealthy German farmer of the same neighborhood, were arrested after many complaints had been received regarding their utterances. Schellin was released after he had signed an agreement to "keep his mouth shut."

The minister is said to have vigorously denounced the government in his sermons. During his hearing he denounced "the lies circulated in this country about the Germans," and indicated that he believed every German utterance is the truth and every American utterance open to doubt.

KUSSIANS BATTLE FURIOUSLY

Fresh Troops Put Up Desperate Resistance to Austro-German Advance at Cernovitz.

Copenhagen, Aug. 2.—A dispatch to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung says the Russian resistance for the defense of Cernovitz is increasing. Fresh troops are fighting with great energy and without faltering in strenuously opposing the Austro-German advance on Kilibaba. Fighting is most sanguinary, but the defenders are unable to prevent the Austro-Germans occupying positions favorable for further operations, including Kimpolung. The writer predicts the Russians will be soon forced to abandon Cernovitz.

SEEK SEAMEN FOR NEW SHIPS

Officials and Representatives of Industry Are in Conference at Washington.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Plans for obtaining seamen needed to man the new mercantile fleet of the United States were considered at a conference arranged by the secretaries of labor and commerce. Representatives of the state, commerce and labor departments, the shipping board, ship owners, masters, mates and pilots and the chamber of commerce of the United States were in attendance.

KILL BONE DRY AMENDMENT

Senate Votes Down Hardwick's Resolution for Nation-Wide Prohibition, 62 to 4.

Washington, Aug. 2.—A "bone dry" amendment offered by Senator Hardwick of Georgia, to the Sheppard nation-wide prohibition resolution, was voted down by the senate, 62 to 4. The amendment would have prohibited the purchase and use of alcoholic beverages. The Sheppard resolution proposes to prohibit only the manufacture, sale and transportation of liquor.

RUSS TAKE 4,500 PRISONERS

Jassy Reports Say Russo-Rumanian Army Also Captured 98 Guns in Four Days.

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—A telegram from Jassy says the Russo-Rumanian advances between the Casin and Putna valleys resulted in the enemy losing between July 24 and 28 98 guns and about 4,500 prisoners. The enemy front of about 60 kilometers was broken to a depth of between 17 and 20 kilometers.

MICHAELIS DONS EPAULETTES

Bernstorff Among Few Invited to Meet New Chancellor on Visit to Munich.

Copenhagen, Aug. 2.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to Washington, was among the few select guests invited by Baron von Tauter, Emperor William's diplomatic adviser and Prussian envoy to Bavaria, to meet Chancellor Michaelis at tea on the occasion of the chancellor's visit to Munich.

Herr Michaelis wore a captain's uniform, giving the Berlin Vossische Zeitung the opportunity to scoff at the worship of epaulettes which puts a leading statesman in line officer's uniform.

Seimer.—The annual clean-up week was observed here. The sanitary committee of the town inspected every home and will submit a written report to the board of mayor and aldermen at its regular meeting on Aug. 10.

Knoxville.—By sawing their way through the bars of the cell in which they were incarcerated, Walter Fishburn and Brad Large, in jail here awaiting a new trial on a charge of slaying Sam Best, escaped from the Blount county jail.

I. W. W. LEADER HANGED BY MOB IN BUTTE, MONT.

Called United States Troops "Uncle Sam's Scabs in Uniform."

SWUNG TO RAILROAD BRIDGE

Arizona Chief Had Denounced the American Soldiers in Speech—Many States Having Trouble With Labor Agitators.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 2.—Frank Little, member of the executive board of the Industrial Workers of the World and prominent in labor troubles in Arizona, was taken from a lodging house here by masked men and hanged to a railroad trestle on the outskirts of the city.

A card bearing the words "First and Last Warning; others take notice—Vigilantes," was pinned to the body.

The body was cut down by the chief of police Jerry Murphy, who identified it. Little in a recent speech here referred to United States troops as "Uncle Sam's scabs in uniform."

Thirty-two Being Deported.

Belen, N. M., Aug. 2.—Thirty-two members of the Industrial Workers of the World and the United Mine Workers of America who were deported from Gallup, reached Belen. The car in which they came was uncoupled from the train and left here. Whether they were to be taken farther was not known to any of the men. No guards were with them when they arrived here.

U. S. Commissioner Arrested.

Gallup, N. M., Aug. 2.—United States Commissioner W. H. Hann was one of the first arrested in the round-up of Industrial Workers of the World and organizers of the United Mine Workers of America. He was taken before the McKinley county council of defense, where he was charged with publication in his newspaper of articles encouraging the I. W. W. in a strike called in the Gallup district coal mines. He was released after promising to refrain from further activities in behalf of the I. W. W.

Fred H. Moore Leaves Douglas.

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 2.—Fred H. Moore, legal representative of the Industrial Workers of the World deported from Bisbee, departed for Columbus, N. M. Before he departed a squad of deputies arrived from Bisbee with the avowed intention of hastening the departure of Moore from this county. Douglas officers informed the Bisbee men that the attorney was under their protection and would be guarded until he was ready to go.

Seventy Sentenced at Marquette.

Marquette, Mich., Aug. 2.—Seventy men, including I. W. W. anti-draft ring leaders, drew prison and workhouse sentences in the federal court here from Judge Clarence W. Sessions.

John Solkkel and Pietro Pierre, both leaders in the anti-draft demonstration at Negaunee, Mich., June 5, necessitating calling out the troops to quell the disturbances, were sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Three States Investigate I. W. W.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 2.—Federal authorities of California, Oregon and Washington, in conjunction with the federal grand jury, will begin an immediate investigation of activity by Industrial Workers of the World in the three states, according to Casper A. Ornbaum, assistant United States district attorney.

Presidential warrants for alleged German agents working with the I. W. W. already have been requested, Ornbaum said. It was said these warrants, if issued, will charge treason.

Oshkosh to Suppress I. W. W.

Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 2.—This city is harboring agitators of the Industrial Workers of the World and the authorities have been asked to cope with them before the organizers get a following. An effort was made to arrange for a meeting of wood workers at which addresses would be made, but opposition has developed and the gathering may not be held. Leaders of union labor declare the I. W. W. is an undesirable organization and the authorities should suppress their activities.

CONGRESS DEADLOCK BROKEN

Senate Conferees Agree to Elimination of Congressional Committee on War Expenditures.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The deadlock over the food control bill was broken and complete agreement reached when the senate conferees accepted the elimination of the congressional committee on expenditures in the conduct of the war.

STANLEY H. ROSE



Stanley H. Rose, formerly with an asphalt company in Philadelphia, has been placed in charge of the New York branch office of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. He will pass on many applications for export licenses without submitting them to the department.

PUT DIVERS TO FLIGHT

U. S. Destroyers Force U-Boats to Turn Tail.

Arrive as Submarine Is Attacking a Freighter—One Steamer Already Sunk.

American Naval Base in British Waters, Aug. 2.—American destroyers reported having engaged two submarines simultaneously six miles distant, causing both to speed away and submerge without firing a shot.

One of the submarines had just sunk a steamer by gunfire, the second was attacking a merchantman when the destroyers opened fire. The second submarine, which is described as a super-type, almost as long as a destroyer, raced off and submerged at the first shots, but the other, which had sunk the steamer, remained up several minutes.

Only when a shell splashed within 25 yards of the submarine did she submerge, according to the crew of the steamer, who watched the attack from a small boat close by. They later were rescued by the destroyers and brought here.

A French tanker bound for America limped into port with a 30-foot hole in her bow as a result of a fight with a submarine. The tanker was twice attacked. In the first, early in the voyage, she easily bent off the submarine and reached a point 400 miles toward America.

She was then attacked by another submarine, the shells of which, despite the stout resistance of the tanker's gunners, shattered the pilot house, smashing the compass and tore a gaping hole below the water line. The tanker began to settle and the crew abandoned the ship, the submarine disappearing. The crew rowed away in a rough sea, but later, surprised that the tanker did not sink, returned to her and managed, without bearings, to bring her to port.

BAR SIGNALS IN ALIEN CAMP

United States Officials Forbid the Use of Flags by Interned Germans.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—German aliens interned on Angel island here have been refused permission to continue using signal flags for amusement purposes through an order issued by the commandant of the island.

It was declared the action was taken as the result of investigations conducted by agents of the department of justice after they had dismantled two arc lights mounted on poles surmounting two tall trees on the summit of Redwood peak, in Alameda county. Reports that men were seen on Angel island wigwagging toward the Alameda county shore were investigated and it was thought justice department agents connected the signals from the island with the arc lights.

TAKE WHISKY OUT OF BOND

Revenue Paid at Peoria for July Was \$5,028,010, Smashing Records—Liquor Preparedness.

Peoria Ill., Aug. 2.—Revenue collections for the month of July in this district amounted to \$5,028,010, an increase of \$3,037,717 over the preceding month and shattering all previous records. Most of this amount was payment of revenue tax on whisky taken from bonded warehouses, indicating the "preparedness" campaign of liquor men in view of pending prohibition legislation.